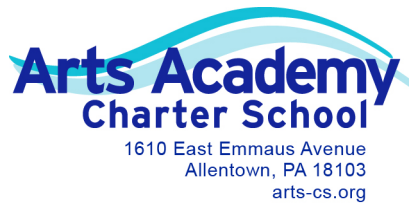


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Board Policy 5.4

Pest Control

Purpose

The Board recognizes that pest management is an important part of maintaining a safe environment conducive to learning. The school shall adopt a pest management approach that provides the most effective pest control with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Authority

The Board establishes that the school shall use pesticides only after consideration of the full range of alternatives, based on analysis of environmental effects, safety, effectiveness and costs. The school's pest management shall be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including those promulgated by the PA Department of Agriculture.

The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible to annually notify parents/ guardians of the procedures for requesting notification of planned and emergency applications of pesticides in school buildings and on school grounds.

Procedures

When pesticide applications are scheduled in school buildings and on school grounds, the school shall provide notification in accordance with law, including:

1. Posting a pest control sign in an appropriate area.
2. Providing the pest control information sheet to all individuals working in the school building.
3. Providing required notice to all parents/guardians of students or to a list of parents/guardians who have requested notification of individual applications of pesticides.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of students or employees, the school may authorize an emergency pesticide application and shall notify by telephone any parent/guardian who has requested such notification.

The school shall maintain detailed records of all chemical pest control treatments for at least

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three (3) years. Information regarding pest management activities shall be available to the public at the school's main office.